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CHRISTOPHER SCOTT STENTA

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, the following remarks are provided.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 17.

REMARKSRCE:

The acceptance of the request for continued examination filed September 23, 2003 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 9 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Gruber et al. (US Patent No. 4, 783, 608). These claims have been canceled making the rejections to these claims moot.

Claims 11, 12, 14 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Rossi (France Publication No. 2 545 664). These claims have been canceled making the rejections to these claims moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103(a):

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gruber et al. in view of Rossi. This claim has been canceled making the rejection to this claim moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 10, 19 and 20 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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